

The Wave Takes UPA Contest By Storm

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The Wasatch Wave garnered top honors last weekend at what is basically Utah's Academy Awards' Ceremony for weekly newspapers—the 1987 Utah Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

The Wave took second place in general excellence, which is a compilation of its awards in all categories. Included in this were four first place awards, and two second place awards.

Sonni Schwinn won first place for "Best News Series." She won this award for her articles dealing with teen-age pregnancy in Wasatch County. "In depth and well-written," commented the judge. "Glad

to see a newspaper story bringing up a taboo subject," she added.

Terry Reynolds, Wave photographer, won first place for best sports photo. The winning entry was of a girls' track meet during the hurdles event. "Good shot of strain and action of hurdles. Expression of runners is a grabber," wrote the judge about Terry's winning entry.

The Wave also won "Best Front Page," an award given to the paper that has the best layout and design on the front page. This was the work of Terry Reynolds and Ray Voley. Terry designed the Wave's new masthead, and Ray was responsible for front page layout.

"Good sizing of photos and use of graphics," said the judge about the winning entry. "Very good news interest and headline style. Teaser boxes excellent," he added.

The Wave took first place for "Best Circulation Promotion." This ad was the result of a picture taken by Ray Voley of his dog Bow, during an encounter with a porcupine. Kennie Ellis arranged the wording at the top of the ad, and Rose Marie Hardman conceived the layout design. "Headline great; good photo. Clean—very creative," said the judges.

Clyde Kay received second place for "Best Feature Column." Clyde won this honor for his columns on

two neighbor boys who were practically brothers, a strong, resolute robin called "The Duchess," and a humorous piece about one of his first jobs. "It's like listening to a foxy old grandpa spin a yarn," wrote the judge. He also said Clyde demonstrated a "clear eye for detail...I feel I know the Duchess after reading his column," he added.

Ray Voley won second place in the "Best Editorial" division for his piece entitled: "Welcome to Heber Valley: Utah's Alcatraz Home." The judge commended the "clear, vivid writing," and said it was the work of "a mature voice, and well-ordered thinking."

should Heber. "Everybody's paying taxes now [into the district] and everybody will want their [own].

However, in a telephone interview, County Commission Chairman Lorin Allred said they would not be separate fire departments, but additional fire stations which could respond quickly to fires in their areas. He noted that, although there may be only one fire department in a large city, there may be many stations located at strategic points within it.

In a separate interview, Wallsburg Mayor Lyle Davis said the

Chairman Allred said the state has given some pump trucks to the county which may be put in Wallsburg as a "first responder". He said he also knows of at least one used fire engine, in excellent condition, which could be purchased for about \$7,000.

One problem has been that the previous fire department set no money aside in its budget for adding or replacing equipment. The new fire district budget does allow for new items, but there hasn't been time to accumulate money for any major purchases.

ing. He said the committee's recommendation will be presented at the Mountainlands executive council meeting this week and is expected to be approved.

He explained, "If you do decide you want to go ahead and purchase the fire truck ... Heber City isn't going to qualify for any CDBG grant this year, as far as water and sewer extensions go. If the city decides they want to forego that grant and apply that money toward water and sewer, there's a \$47,000 buffer which could be added to the \$68,800 you got last year [for a fire engine] making a grand total of approximately \$116,000 which could be awarded."

Mayor Gordon Mendenhall objected to the decision, saying that the CDBG money awarded in 1987 had nothing to do with 1988 money. Heber City applied for money to purchase a fire engine when it was trying to form a fire protection special service district, he pointed

"In the two years I've been on the Mountainlands Association of Governments, nobody knew the results of the survey you've conducted until we met at the regular meeting. I don't understand why that procedure has not been followed now, except that you're coming to us to influence our thinking. I don't think that's fair," he said.

"I didn't come to influence you. I don't care whether you buy the fire truck or put in a sewer line or what you do ... I came as a citizen of Heber, hoping my input would be of value to you as you make decisions in your city council meeting," Commissioner Duke said.

The mayor said nobody ever came to deliver the rating results in previous years and the commissioner said it was probably because they didn't live in Heber.

The commissioner then added another complication, if the city decides to extend water and sewer outside the city limits. He said the

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